GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CLEARANCE TO NTPC PROJECT IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Electricity Authority has announced techno-economic clearance for 1980 MW thermal power station to be executed by the NTPC in Bihar;

(b) if so, whether the Government have decided to undertake distribution reforms in all the 400 Power districts at an investment upto Rs.50,000 crore for which approval has been sought; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : Yes, Sir. The Central Electricity Authority has accorded techno-economic clearance on 28.9.2001 for Barh Super Thermal Power Project of 1980 megawatt capacity in Bihar to be executed by National Thermal Power Corporation.

(b) & (c) : The Government of India have launched in the year 2000 the Accelerated Power Development Programme (APDP) for bringing improvement in the power distribution systems initially in selected distribution circles. In the first stage, 63 distribution circles have been identified for improvement of the power distribution systems. A proposal for covering the remaining distribution circles during 10th Plan (2002-2007) is under consideration in consultation with the Planning Commission.